

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

**Annual Financial Statements  
December 31, 2006**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 (the District), a component unit of the St. Tammany Parish Council, as of December 31, 2006, and for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 as of December 31, 2006, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 4, 2007, on our consideration of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 and 5 and the budgetary comparison schedule identified on page 23 are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying information listed as other supplemental information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



A Professional Accounting Corporation

May 4, 2007

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART I)**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

## ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

### Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2006

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As management of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 (the District), we offer this discussion and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2006.

As with other sections of this financial report, the information contained with this MD&A should be considered only a part of the greater whole. The readers of this statement should take time to read and evaluate all sections of this report, including the footnotes and the other Required Supplemental Information that is provided in addition to this MD&A.

#### Financial Highlights

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 7 and 8) provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements begin on page 9. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The District is a component unit of the St. Tammany Parish Council. Its operations are conducted through a general fund.

A summary of the basic government-wide financial statements is as follows:

#### Summary of Statements of Net Assets

	2006	2005
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 1,303,180	\$ 968,152
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>1,319,266</u>	<u>1,338,466</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>2,622,446</b></u>	<u><b>2,306,618</b></u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current Liabilities	161,094	94,715
Non-Current Liabilities	<u>189,000</u>	<u>262,638</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><b>350,094</b></u>	<u><b>357,353</b></u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets, (Net of Related Debt)	1,180,266	1,119,293
Unrestricted	<u>1,092,086</u>	<u>829,972</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><b>\$ 2,272,352</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,949,265</b></u>

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2****Management's Discussion and Analysis  
December 31, 2006****Summary of Statement of Activities**

	2006	2005	Change
<b>Revenues:</b>			
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$1,116,082	\$ 809,568	\$ 306,514
State Revenue Sharing	28,849	23,126	5,723
Other	98,595	46,593	52,002
Grants and Contributions	57,278	91,611	(34,333)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,300,804</b>	<b>970,898</b>	<b>329,906</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Fire Protection	970,522	773,749	196,773
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,195	10,437	(3,242)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>977,717</b>	<b>784,186</b>	<b>193,531</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 323,087</b>	<b>\$ 186,712</b>	<b>\$ 136,375</b>

**Capital Assets and Debt**

In 2006, capital assets decreased by \$19,200, which was the result of \$66,742 in capital additions, \$449 (net of accumulated depreciation) in disposals and \$85,493 in depreciation. In 2005, capital assets decreased by \$38,897, which was the result of \$34,145 in capital additions and \$73,042 in depreciation. In 2006, total debt decreased by \$30,173, which was the result of scheduled principal payments of \$80,173 and the addition of a \$50,000 one-year note. In 2005, total debt decreased by \$77,631, which was the result of scheduled principal payments.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

In 2006, actual revenues exceeded budget by \$707,604 and expenditures exceeded budget by \$376,149. These variances were due to the District not amending its budget for increases in Ad Valorem taxes, Grants receipt, Proceeds from Debt and for Capital Expenditures. In 2005, actual revenues exceeded budget by \$322,898 and expenditures exceeded budget by \$168,334.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Chief Mike Stein, P.O. Box 795, Madisonville, Louisiana 70447.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**Statement of Net Assets**  
**December 31, 2006**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 173,004
Investments	37,220
Receivables - Ad Valorem Taxes	1,060,461
Receivables - Revenue Sharing	26,580
Deposits	1,629
Other Assets	4,286
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>1,319,266</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>2,622,446</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	7,508
Accrued Expenses	35,750
Deferred Revenue	55,030
Compensated Absences	62,806
Notes Payable	
Due Within One Year	50,000
Certificates of Indebtedness	
Due Within One Year	51,000
Due in More Than One Year	<u>88,000</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>350,094</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,180,266
Unrestricted	<u>1,092,086</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,272,352</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets</b>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>			<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Fire Protection	\$ 970,522	\$ 57,278	\$ (913,244)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,195	-	(7,195)
	<u>\$ 977,717</u>	<u>\$ 57,278</u>	(920,439)
<b>General Revenues:</b>			
Taxes -			
Property Taxes			1,116,082
State Revenue Sharing			28,849
Rentals			27,070
Fire Insurance Rebate			22,500
Earnings on Investments			1,888
Miscellaneous			<u>47,137</u>
<b>Total General Revenues</b>			<u>1,243,526</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>			323,087
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>			<u>1,949,265</u>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>			<u><u>\$ 2,272,352</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Fund**  
**December 31, 2006**

	<b>General Fund</b>
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<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 173,004
Investments	37,220
Receivables - Ad Valorem Taxes	1,060,461
Receivables - Revenue Sharing	26,580
Deposits	1,629
Other Assets	<u>4,286</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,303,180</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,508
Accrued Expenses	35,750
Deferred Revenue	<u>55,030</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>98,288</u>
<b>Fund Equity</b>	
Fund Balance	
Unreserved	<u>1,204,892</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,303,180</u></u>
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	\$ 1,204,892
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net	
Assets are different because:	
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund.	1,319,266
Compensated Absences are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund.	(62,806)
Long-Term Liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund.	<u>(189,000)</u>
<b>Net Assets of Governmental Activities</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,272,352</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-**  
**Governmental Fund**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,116,082
Grants	57,278
Proceeds from Bank Note	50,000
Miscellaneous Income	47,137
Revenue Sharing	28,849
Rentals	27,070
Public Home Insurance	22,500
Interest Income	1,888
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,350,804</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Salaries and Benefits	499,123
Insurance	132,996
Repairs and Maintenance	59,205
Communications	37,545
Education and Training	22,582
Fuel	21,004
Exercise Equipment	17,186
Operating Supplies	16,053
Professional Services	14,325
Renovations	14,200
Small Tools & Equipment	9,905
Uniforms	8,665
Utilities	7,974
Emergency Equipment Fund	7,325
Office Supplies	7,309
Other Expenses	5,206
Fire Prevention Expenses	3,180
Travel/Allowance	3,070
Meal Allowance	1,119
Advertising	693
Postage	477
Drug Testing	350
Bank Service Charges	88
Debt Service	
Principal	80,173
Interest	7,195
Capital Expenditures	42,401
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>1,019,349</u>
<b>Net Changes in Fund Balance</b>	331,455
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>873,437</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,204,892</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,**  
**Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund**  
**To the Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities  
are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Fund	\$ 331,455
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	(18,751)
Gain (Loss) on sale of asset	(449)
Change in Compensated Absences Payable	(19,341)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., certificates of indebtedness, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	<u>30,173</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities Item	<u>\$ 323,087</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 (the District) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to government entities. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

##### **History**

The District was created by the St. Tammany Parish Council on January 15, 1953. The District serves the area of Ward 1 of St. Tammany Parish.

##### **Reporting Entity**

The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners, which is appointed by the Parish Council. As the governing authority of the Parish, for financial reporting purposes, the St. Tammany Parish Council is the financial reporting entity for St. Tammany Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Parish Council) (b) organizations for which the primary governments are financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Tammany Parish Council for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit with the reporting entity is financial accountability.

The District is a component unit of the Parish because the Parish Council appoints all members of the District and as such is financially accountable for the District. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Parish Council, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

##### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

## ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2006

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### **Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

##### ***Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)***

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Change in Net Assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for the governmental fund.

##### ***Fund Financial Statements (FFS)***

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The General Fund of the District is classified as governmental. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

##### **General Fund**

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It accounts for all the financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in other funds.

##### **Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting**

The amounts reflected in the governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to the government-wide financial statements.

## **ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2006**

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#### **Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

##### **Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

The amounts reflected in the governmental fund financial statements use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

The government-wide financial statements are accounted for using an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activities are reported.

The government-wide financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

##### **Budget**

The Board of Commissioners adopted a budget for the General Fund. The budgetary practices include public notice of the proposed budget, public inspection of the proposed budget and public hearings on the budget prior to adoption. Any amendment involving increases in expenditures must be approved by the Board. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include all amendments. All budgeted amounts which are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year-end. The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District did not amend its budget during 2006.

##### **Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in interest-bearing demand deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the municipality may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at market value.



## ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### **Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the lives of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

##### **Capital Assets**

All fixed assets are recorded at historical costs. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against their operations.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable. The District capitalizes equipment in excess of \$2,500. The following estimated useful lives and methods are used to compute depreciation:

Buildings and Improvements	10 - 30 Years	Straight Line
Vehicles	10 - 15 Years	Straight Line
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 15 Years	Straight Line
Office Equipment	5 - 10 Years	Straight Line

Depreciation expense amounted to \$85,493 for the year ended December 31, 2006.

##### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### **Use of Restricted/Unrestricted Net Assets**

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, the District's policy is to apply restricted net assets first.

## ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2006

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#### Note 2. Ad Valorem Taxes

Property taxes for the operations of the District are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed as of January 1, 2004. Taxes are due and payable December of the following year.

#### Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents (book balances) at December 31, 2006:

Demand Deposits	<u>\$ 173,004</u>
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2006, the District has \$209,352 in deposits (collected bank balances), which are fully secured by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

#### Note 4. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the District carried insurance through various commercial carriers to cover all risks of losses. The District has no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2****Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2006****Note 5. Capital Assets**

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2006, is as follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:</b>				
Land	\$ 566,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 566,400
<b>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</b>				
Buildings and Improvements	472,787	-	(3,764)	469,023
Vehicles	555,612	-	-	555,612
Machinery and Equipment	145,102	49,556	-	194,658
Office Equipment	17,249	17,186	-	34,435
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated</b>	<b>1,190,750</b>	<b>66,742</b>	<b>(3,764)</b>	<b>1,253,728</b>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation for:</b>				
Buildings and Improvements	(116,393)	(12,118)	3,315	(125,196)
Vehicles	(213,529)	(49,429)	-	(262,958)
Machinery and Equipment	(72,593)	(20,874)	-	(93,467)
Office Equipment	(16,169)	(3,072)	-	(19,241)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>(418,684)</b>	<b>(85,493)</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>(500,862)</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net</b>	<b>772,066</b>	<b>(18,751)</b>	<b>(449)</b>	<b>752,866</b>
<b>Capital Assets - Net</b>	<b>\$ 1,338,466</b>	<b>\$ (18,751)</b>	<b>\$ (449)</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,266</b>

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### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

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#### Note 6. Investments

Investments of \$37,220, which are stated at market using published quotes as of December 31, 2006, are in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.126, the investment in LAMP is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.125 because the investment is in a pool of funds and, therefore, not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities; as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA-R.S. 33:2955(A)(1)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the State Treasurer and the Board of Directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

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**December 31, 2006**

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#### **Note 7. Louisiana Firefighters Retirement System Pension**

Substantially all employees of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2. are members of the Louisiana Firefighters Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

Membership in the Louisiana Firefighters Retirement System is mandatory for all full-time firefighters employed by a municipality, parish, or fire protection district that did not enact an ordinance prior to January 1, 1980, exempting itself from participation in the System. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of creditable service or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service. Upon retirement, members are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to three and one-third percent of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service, not to exceed 100 percent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 (or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service at termination) and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Firefighters' Retirement System, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, or by calling (225) 925-4060.

System members are required by state statute to contribute 8% of their annual covered salary and St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 18% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of System members and St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, were \$64,686, \$60,156, and \$44,157, respectively.

#### **Note 9. 2% Fire Insurance Tax**

The District is eligible and receives a pro-rata share of the fire insurance tax collected by the State of Louisiana. The amounts received by the District are based on the population of the areas that they serve. In accordance with the Revised Statutes, such money shall be used only for the purpose of "rendering more efficient and efficacious" fire protection, as the District shall direct.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2****Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2006****Note 10. Long-Term Debt**

The following is a summary of debt transactions of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 for the periods ended December 31, 2006 and 2005:

	<b>Capital Lease</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Certificate of Indebtedness</b>	<b>Total</b>
December 31, 2005	\$ 28,173	\$ -	\$ 191,000	\$219,173
Issued	-	50,000		50,000
Retired	(28,173)	-	(52,000)	(80,173)
December 31, 2006	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 139,000</u>	<u>\$189,000</u>

Long-Term Debt consists of the following at December 31, 2006:

\$50,000 Note dated March 1, 2006, due in one annual installment of \$52,213, with interest at 4.45% maturing on March 1, 2007	\$ 50,000
\$122,000 Certificate of Indebtedness dated February 21, 2003; balance due in annual principal installments, starting March 1, 2004, of \$23,000 - \$26,000 plus semi-annual interest payments through March 1, 2008; with interest at 3%	51,000
\$143,000 Certificate of Indebtedness dated September 27, 2004; balance due in annual principal installments, starting March 1, 2005, of \$27,000 - \$31,000 plus semi-annual interest payments through March 1, 2009; with interest at 3.75%	<u>88,000</u>
	<u>\$ 189,000</u>

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**Note 10. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

The following is a schedule of future principal debt service requirements:

Year Ending December 31,	Notes Payable		Certificate of Indebtedness		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2007	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,213	\$ 51,000	\$ 3,930	\$101,000	\$6,143
2008	-	-	57,000	2,096	57,000	2,096
2009	-	-	31,000	581	31,000	581
	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,213</u>	<u>\$ 139,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,607</u>	<u>\$189,000</u>	<u>\$8,820</u>

**Note 11. Deferred Revenue**

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina severely impacted St. Tammany Parish. Two of the District's buildings were damaged during the hurricane. The District received an insurance reimbursement of \$83,384 in 2005. During 2006, \$28,354 was spent on repairs to the buildings, leaving \$55,030 as being recorded as deferred revenue.

**Note 12. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations**

During the year ended December 31, 2006, the General Fund's actual expenditures of \$1,019,349 exceeded its budgeted appropriations of \$643,200, resulting in an unfavorable variance of \$376,149.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART II)**



ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 General Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$539,000	\$ 539,000	\$ 1,116,082	\$ 577,082
FEMA Reimbursements	67,200	67,200	-	(67,200)
Revenue Sharing	-	-	28,849	28,849
Rentals	21,000	21,000	27,070	6,070
Interest Income	-	-	1,888	1,888
Grants	-	-	57,278	57,278
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	47,137	47,137
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	-	-	50,000	50,000
Public Home Insurance	16,000	16,000	22,500	6,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>643,200</b>	<b>643,200</b>	<b>1,350,804</b>	<b>707,604</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries & Benefits	430,000	430,000	499,123	(69,123)
Insurance	60,000	60,000	132,996	(72,996)
Communications	20,000	20,000	37,545	(17,545)
Repairs and Maintenance	11,640	11,640	59,205	(47,565)
Operating Supplies	13,200	13,200	16,053	(2,853)
Professional Services	7,500	7,500	14,325	(6,825)
Fuel	12,000	12,000	21,004	(9,004)
Advertising	150	150	693	(543)
Bank Service Charges	50	50	88	(38)
Other Expenses	-	-	5,206	(5,206)
Exercise Equipment	-	-	17,186	(17,186)
Renovations	-	-	14,200	(14,200)
Small Tools & Equipment	-	-	9,905	(9,905)
Drug Testing	960	960	350	610
Emergency Equipment Fund	15,000	15,000	7,325	7,675
Fire Prevention Expenses	500	500	3,180	(2,680)
Meal Allowance	1,200	1,200	1,119	81
Postage	500	500	477	23
Travel/Allowance	1,000	1,000	3,070	(2,070)
Utilities	8,500	8,500	7,974	526
Education and Training	3,000	3,000	22,582	(19,582)
Uniforms	2,500	2,500	8,665	(6,165)
Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	7,309	(5,809)
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	80,173	(80,173)
Interest	-	-	7,195	(7,195)
Capital Expenditures	54,000	54,000	42,401	11,599
	<b>643,200</b>	<b>643,200</b>	<b>1,019,349</b>	<b>(376,149)</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>331,455</b>	<b>\$ 331,455</b>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>			<b>873,437</b>	
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>			<b>\$ 1,204,892</b>	

## OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

**Schedule of Governing Board  
December 31, 2006**

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	<u>Compensation</u>
Jim Bouey P. O. Box 142 Madisonville, LA 70447	\$-0-
Bob Christman 40 Oaklawn Covington, LA 70433	-0-
John Beyl 24 Dahlia Drive Covington, LA 70433	-0-
Marc Guillory 2 Wickfield Drive Covington, LA 70433	-0-
Brad Haddox 902 Pine St. Madisonville, LA 70447	-0-



**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT  
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Commissioners  
**St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2**

We have audited the financial statements of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated May 4, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent and detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is described in the following paragraph.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, actual expenditures of \$1,109,349 exceeded budgeted appropriations of \$643,200 resulting in an unfavorable variance of \$376,149 (59% unfavorable). Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1310 requires the District to amend its budget when it determines that actual expenditures are going to exceed budgeted appropriations by more than 5%. The variance exceeded 5%. Also, the District did not publish an advertisement that the budget would be available for public inspection.

The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in a separate corrective action plan. We did not audit the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's response and, accordingly, express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 2, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



A Professional Accounting Corporation

May 4, 2007

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

**Schedule of Prior Year Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

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**2005-1 Amended Budget Violation**

- This finding has not been resolved. See current year finding on page 27.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 2  
P.O. BOX 795  
MADISONVILLE, LA 70447

March 4, 2007

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Tammany Parish Fire District No. 2

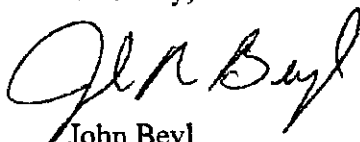
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the finding included in our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006. Our corrective action plan is as follows:

2006-1            Amended Budget Violation

The St. Tammany Parish Fire District No. 2 will take steps to ensure that all future budgets will be amended in accordance to Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1310, which requires the District to amend its budget when it determines that actual expenditures are going to exceed budgeted appropriations by more than 5%.

Sincerely,

  
John Beyl  
Chairman